

Transportation Safety Division Daily Situation Report (SITREP)

SITREP no. 9.0

Date updated: January 26, 2022 4:00 PM

Next Report: January 27, 2022 10:00 AM

Situation to date: Convoy for Freedom Protest Preparation

Actions to date: Operational preparation

Actions to be completed:

- Details provided below

Other - Protest

Protests in Windsor and Sarnia ongoing, no issues reported.

Information received is that there are approximately 500 vehicles in the convoy at 3:00pm this afternoon. This cannot be confirmed. Actual number of vehicles are difficult to confirm due to the flexibility of vehicles joining or drop out of the convoy at a certain point along the route. Also, while there is a main convoy, there may be smaller groups that could be part of the convoy in front or behind the main convoy.

The convoy could be up to 135km in length at this time with the front end of the convoy at approximately DM 376 (30 km west of Upsala) and the tail end still passing through Ignace area.

The planned convoy route with dates and times are posted at this website: [BearHug - \(canada-unity.com\)](https://canada-unity.com)

The Convoy for Freedom has raised over \$5.5M through a GoFundMe page. [Fundraiser by Tamara Lich : Freedom Convoy 2022 \(gofundme.com\)](https://www.gofundme.com/c/convoy-for-freedom) The GoFundMe organization has frozen the funds until the organizers can provide an appropriate plan for distribution of the funds, therefore additional monies may have been sent to the event organizer directly – amount unknown.

Convoy for Freedom Reporting:

Date:	Region	Events:	Notes - Operational Updates and Impacts
January 26, 2022	WEST	Windsor – Protest began at 10am with approximately 35 vehicles reported. https://goo.gl/maps/J8b2CQxLNnGVppEo8 Sarnia – Protests began at 9:30am with approximately 10 vehicles. Flying J Travel Center to Petro-Pass Truck Stop - Google Maps	Protest not impacting TISs MTO Officers will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. No current request for assistance. No issues reported.
January 26, 2022	CENTRAL	Convoy anticipated in Central region January 27th and 28th:	No known issues reported.

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		- Three (3) southern routes of the convoy will be traveling through the OPP Highway Safety Division (HSD) on January 27th, 2022; - All three (3) routes will converge onto Highway 401 for the planned stop in Port Hope, Ontario for 1400hrs; - Niagara – Kingston route departs Niagara-on the-Lake, Ontario at 0800hrs; - Windsor/Sarnia – Kingston route departs Drumbo, Ontario at 1100hrs - Toronto – Kingston route departs Vaughan Mills (Bass Pro) at 1200hrs	MTO Officers will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. No current request for assistance. OPP to utilize MTO 1st floor boardroom (Traffic management Office) as Command Post on Thursday, January 27th, 2022 to coordinate activities due to the protest MTO Central Operations will provide a representative to attend and provide any assistance required Maintenance team informed and prepared for convoy's arrival. No impact to operations at present.
January 26, 2022	EAST	Convoy anticipated in East Region starting January 27-29, 2022.	MTO Officers will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. No current request for assistance. Maintenance team informed and preparing for convoy.
January 26, 2022	NORTHEAST	Convoy anticipated in Northeast region January 27, 2022.	MTO Officers will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. No current request for assistance. Ministry maintenance contractor has been made aware of planned route to plan accordingly. Contractor will contact staff when convoy enters NE region.
January 26, 2022	NORTHWEST	Convoy arrived in Kenora yesterday evening (January 25) around 9PM. Full convoy departed Kenora at 10:31 am (09:31 CST Kenora	No impact on TIS. TISs are staffed, however remain closed during the

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		time) traveling eastbound (past the east connector of Hwy 17/17) along Highway 17 into Thunder Bay. Vehicle Count departing Kenora: 657 vehicles. Approx. 75% passenger vehicles (pickup trucks, vans, etc.) and 25% TTUs. Overflow convoy traffic travelled to Dryden last night and re-joined in Dryden. As of 14:15 - Front end of convoy at approx. DM376, which is 30km West of Upsala. Tail end of convoy is still passing through Ignace area. Convoy is approximately 135km in length. Thunder Bay Police issued a traffic advisory for Highway 130 to Arthur St. to Thunder Bay Expressway.	convoy. TIS in Vermillion Bay has resumed operations. MTO Officers will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. No current request for assistance. NWR OD has connected with OPP and winter maintenance contractor. TOC has provided updates since the convoy entered Ontario.
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